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Ecumenical  
Council

Emperor Basil I Pope Adrian II

Attended by 102 bishops; 6 sessions  
held between Oct. 5, 869 and Feb 28, 870

Condemned Iconoclasm; condemned and  
deposed PHOTIUS as patriarch of Constantinople;  
restored Ignatius to the patriarchate. This was  
the last Ecumenical Council held in  
the East.

It was first called ecumenical  
by Canonists toward end of 11th cen.

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Fourth Council of Constantinople  
Condemned PLOTIUS and  
settled the Greek Schism.

Pope Adrian II was Pope 867-872

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Fourth Council of Constantinople  
8th Ecumenical Council

The Islamic empire used SLAVES chiefly as domestic servants and soldiers. But there were exceptions. In the middle of the 9th century, thousands of ZANJ or Negro slaves were imported from East Africa to reclaim the marshes of southern IRAQ for cultivation and to extract salt for sale. In 869, they rose in revolt, and black troops of the ABBASID caliphate, sent to quell the disturbance, joined the

revolt in numbers.

The Zanj rebellion was initially successful. It spread into southern Persia - the town of Basra was taken and Baghdad was threatened. After 14 yrs had passed the Zanj were overcome and their leader Ali was executed.

There were signs that slaves were undermining and would eventually destroy the unity of the Arab Empire.

The fourth Council of Constantinople  
condemned PHOTIUS and his  
followers and ICONOCLASM and  
affirmed the unity of the human  
soul.